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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director/Intelligence      DATE: 13 March 1953

FROM : Chief, Analysis Division, ORR

THRU : Assistant Director, Research and Reports

SUBJECT : Proposed notes for lecture to be given by the Assistant Deputy Director/Intelligence to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

1. The letter from Admiral Hague of the Industrial College and the attached list of lectures supply the following framework for the proposed lecture:

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- I. Aim: Relieve confusion in the minds of the students concerning the true extent of our knowledge of Soviet capabilities.
- II. Length of lecture: 45 minutes.      Question period. 30 minutes.
- III. Content of lecture:
  - A. Availability and validity of economic information on the USSR.
  - B. Problems of collection, production, inter-Agency coordination and disposition of economic information on the USSR.
  - C. Extent of our knowledge of Soviet capabilities.

2. The proposed scope of the lecture seems to be inconsistent with the allotted time. Therefore, it is suggested that the lecture be addressed to points "A" and "B". Attached is a proposed draft of comments on "A" the "Availability and Validity of Economic Information on the USSR." This draft makes liberal use of the papers presented by Harry Schwartz, Alexander Gerschenkron and Abram Bergson at the American Economics Association meetings, 29 December 1952 and an acknowledgement to these sources should be made. Additional information has been added regarding the independent checks on the reliability of Soviet statistics which have been developed in the postwar period.

25X1A9a 3. The second half of the lecture should be devoted to a discussion of the "Extent of our Knowledge of Soviet Capabilities." The graphics and text prepared by [REDACTED] D/A, for use in briefing the NSC consultants, and which reflect the findings of the ORR contribution to NIE-65 would be appropriate for this portion of the lecture, and would not require additional preparation either by D/A or by the ADD/I. Furthermore, if decision should be made to expand this portion of the lecture, the ORR contribution to NIE-65 would provide the necessary subject matter.

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4. If it should be decided that "Problems of collection, production, inter-Agency coordination and disposition of economic information on the USSR," should be discussed, a draft of a 10 to 15 minute discussion can be promptly produced in D/A with the help of St/C.

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5. [REDACTED] will make up the panel 25X1A9a

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handling the question session and have been briefed for this session by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A copy of the attached draft will be provided [REDACTED]

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Attachment: Draft of proposed comments on the "Availability and Validity of Economic Information on the USSR."

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